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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

An Open Letter *to the* Hon. Grover Cleveland.

Honorable and Dear Sir:

On Monday next you will vacate your high office, which the vote of the States of the Union — not the vote of the people, for they gave you a majority — has assigned to another man. It is not necessary now to recount the causes which brought about your defeat in the late election, yet it is not unfair to your successor to say here that your adherents were forced to make a hard fight against private calumny and public corruption, and that the ingenious incompetence of the managers of your party has been a fertile subject for general comment.

It concerns us more, in bidding you farewell, (for the present,) to consider what manner of man you have shown yourself in the four years in which you have been President of the United States. And when we reflect that all that you have done has been done in the teeth of the most bitter, rancorous and vexatious opposition of the party unfriendly to your administration, and in spite of the secret enmity or open hostility of many powerful elements of your own party, we can not but wonder that you have brought your administration to a close with so much honor and credit. Under your guidance, the government has been honestly and economically administered; and the officers you have chosen to serve under you have been, for the most part, sincere and able men. No administration in the history of our country has been subjected to criticism so keen, minute and unkindly, and few have stood the test so well.

Your opponents have demanded that you should exhibit at once perfection and omniscience, holding the theory that only a perfect and omniscient man could possibly have a moral right to occupy your position to the exclusion of even the most unworthy Republican.

You have not, it is true, proved yourself either perfect or omniscient. Being but a human being, such an achievement should hardly have been asked of you. But you have proved yourself an upright, conscientious, faithful and capable servant of the people, and a brave and high-minded man.

If you have not wholly reformed a civil service given up for more than three generations to the grossest abuses, it must be admitted that you have made a more active endeavor toward this end than any of your predecessors has dared to make. If you have not wholly undone the work of corruption which through a score of years has reduced our nation from a great maritime power to a laughing-stock among the navies of the world, at least you have given us the nucleus of a strong and useful navy. If you have not succeeded in removing from the people's back the burden of a heavy and unnecessary taxation, at least you have taught some of them to ask for their rights, and have opened a question that must find an answer before long.

You go out of office on the fourth of March, but not out of the memory of those who have watched your course. If the time comes when Americans have to look for a leader wise, honest, and above all, brave and patriotic, even the men who have worked to overthrow you will turn their eyes toward you.

Puck.

A BAD DREAM — AFTER THE BALL.

Chorus of "Floaters."— What 's the matter with General Harrison? *He 's* all right! Who made him all right? WE DID! *Wow!!*

An Open Letter *to the* Hon. Benjamin Harrison.

Honorable and Dear Sir:

On Monday next you will take your high office, which the vote of the States of the Union — not the vote of the people, for they gave your rival a majority — has assigned to you. It is not necessary now to recount the causes which brought about your victory in the late election, yet it is not unfair to you to say here that your opponents were forced to make a hard fight against private calumny and public corruption, and that the ingenious incompetence of the managers of the opposing party has been a fertile subject for general comment.

It concerns us more, in giving you welcome, (for the present,) to consider what manner of man you will show yourself in the four years in which you may be President of the United States.

And when you reflect that the assumption of this position involves responsibilities quite foreign to those which were talked about in the last campaign, you can not but feel that it is no light duty which lies before you, however lightly you may have taken it up. The vote of the states has shown that a majority of them are satisfied of your fitness for the office to which they have elected you. But you, personally, must, sooner or later, satisfy yourself that you are fit for that office, and able to take upon your shoulders its great responsibilities.

You must remember that although you ran for office as the opponent of a Free Trade measure, which no human being had so much as contemplated, the fact still remains that our present customs tariff is a heavy burden on the greater number of our citizens, borne only for the benefit of a few; you must remember that, although your supporters gave you their help mainly because, if you were elected, they expected that you would divide the public offices among them, still, it is impossible to have a good government while service to party is the sole consideration in the awarding of offices. Your election does not disprove the truth that a government office, like any other office, ought to be filled by the best and most capable man, and not by the man who has secured the most votes for the party in power. And although New York and Indiana gave their votes for you, and turned the election in your favor, it is not to be denied that of all great nations we are to-day the most helpless so far as our system of national defense is concerned. We have no navy: we have no coast defense. That we are thus open to foreign attack is wholly the fault of the three Republican administrations which preceded the late administration. To that administration we are indebted for our only hope of an effective navy and a rational system of coast defense.

You have it in your power to do well by the country that has elected you its President. You will do well by the country and by yourself if, when your time comes to go out of office, the people look upon you as a man who is wise, honest, and above all, brave and patriotic.

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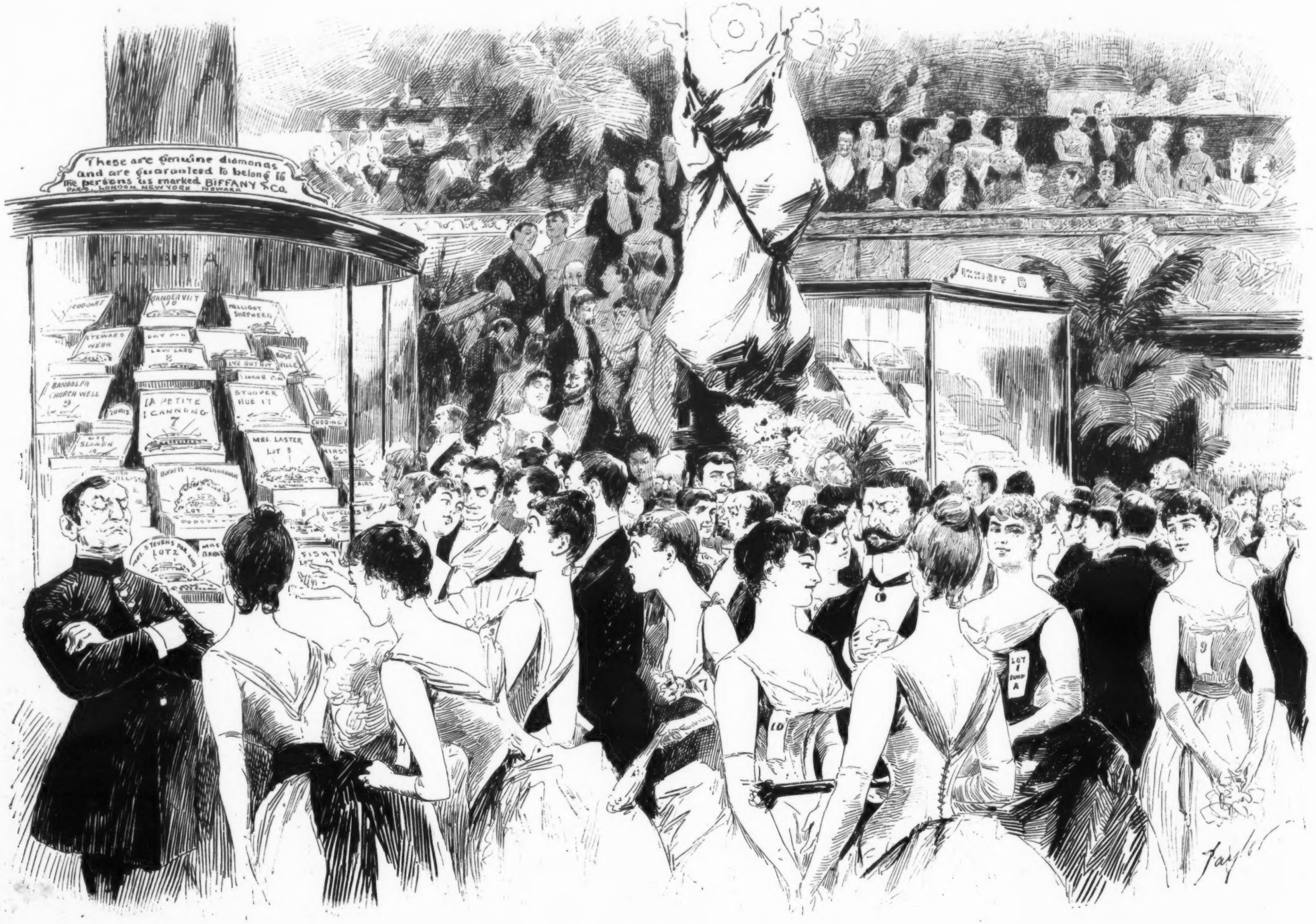
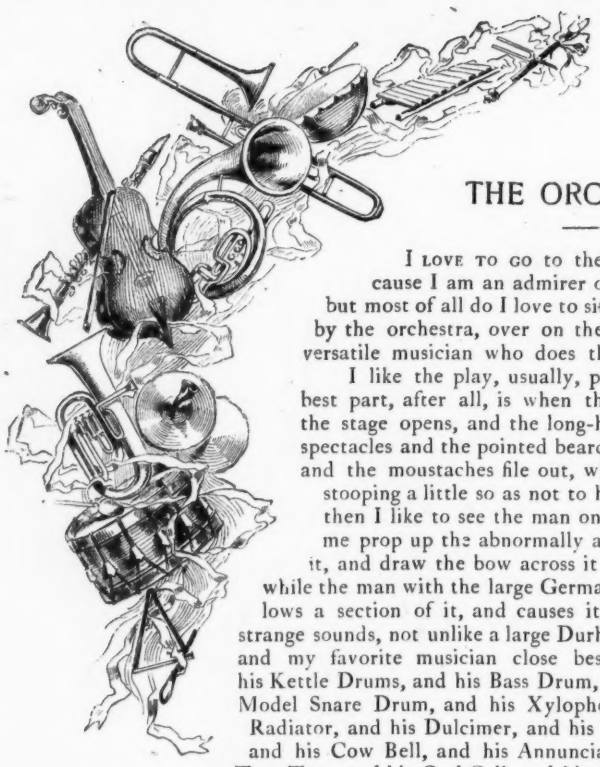


A SUGGESTION FOR AN INAUGURATION BALL.

If ladies will go to these affairs and wish to show their diamonds off without danger from thieves, we respectfully submit the above as one way of doing the thing properly.



THE ORCHESTRA.

I LOVE TO GO to the theatre, partly because I am an admirer of good stage work; but most of all do I love to sit down in Row "A" by the orchestra, over on the right, close by the versatile musician who does the most hard work.

I like the play, usually, pretty well; but the best part, after all, is when the little door under the stage opens, and the long-haired men with the spectacles and the pointed beards, or the bald heads and the moustaches file out, wiping their lips, and stooping a little so as not to hit their heads. And then I like to see the man on the end away from me prop up the abnormally adult violin, throttle it, and draw the bow across it in a desultory way, while the man with the large German meerschaum swallows a section of it, and causes it to emit a series of strange sounds, not unlike a large Durham frog in distress: and my favorite musician close beside me arranges his Kettle Drums, and his Bass Drum, and his Prussian Model Snare Drum, and his Xylophone, and his Radiator, and his Dulcimer, and his Front Gate, and his Cow Bell, and his Annunciator, and his Tom Tom, and his Owl Call, and his Arrangement by which he can play the most of his Instruments with his Foot, when he is busily engaged with the remainder of his body; and the footlights go up, and the man who has his chair on the soap-box taps on the music rack with his magic wand, and the first thing you know, without any apparent effort on his part, the whole thing starts, and the orchestra is soon deep in Mozart's prelude in A Minor who can't vote, or Mendelssohn's "Ode to a Fly," with variations; and then, though I can't read even a sixty-day note of music, I am supremely happy.

Then my friend with the drums is a terribly busy man; blowing on a quail call with his mouth, wagging one ear against the bass drum, playing the triangle with his left foot, while he kicks the cymbal machine with his right, and plays a xylophone solo on a series of sections of gas pipe with his hands. Oh, it 's exciting about that time, now, I tell you!

Then he has a short resting spell, while the fiddlers go light for a minute; but before he 's had time to resume his tobacco where he left off, the man on the soap-box has begun violently to fight imaginary bees with both hands and his baton, and my man is cheerfully standing upon his head, and playing about half of his collection of instruments with seeming ease.

You may talk about your musicians, but if I were going to pay for a little private Wagner olio down at my house, and could n't afford to have but one man, the man on the end is the one I 'd hire.

And then all through the play it 's the orchestra I like to watch, when the heavy villain looks down at the man on the soap-box with a now-play-weiredly-while-I-do-my-great-stab-act expression in his eyes, and at the pretty heroine, when the orchestra plays a little too voluminously sad during her soliloquy, so that she has to shout her lines out at a great sacrifice of pathos, to be heard back of the orchestra circle, and the *Butler* and the *Maid*, when they come in and suddenly remember that they used to sing and dance together a little, and come down to the foot lights, each with one eye on the busy man with the baton.

But this all is n't half so much fun as it is when the curtain goes down, and the man with the cornet moves his music rack up four notches, and fixes his moustache so that it curls up nicely, and gets up so deliberately, polishing the big end of his horn with his handkerchief, and fixing his grindstone ring so that it will sparkle entrancingly, while the orchestra is tearing along like mad, and I begin to get nervous for fear the cornet man will forget to come in where he ought to; but he never does. Then he executes the difficult triple clog with his tongue, and wanders all over the score so rapidly that I get all mixed up.

Then, when he stops and the rest of the instruments go on, and he wiggles the safety valve, and blows carelessly through the horn, and looks around so unconcernedly at the audience, when I 'd be scared half to death, he does n't seem to be dashed a bit. I suppose it 's all in the way one is brought up.

Oh, yes; the drama is very entrancing, but it 's the orchestra with its insidious fascination that draws me night after night to neglect my business, and sit down by the drummer man in Row "A."

C. N. Hood.

THE ICY SHAKE.

The camera showed us some wonderful results as to the motion of the horse; but witness the result of the first trial of our detective on some Jersey commuters crossing the river when it 's full of floating ice!

THE CRAZE.

MASTER GUY (*who has grown very rapidly*). — You need n't laugh, fellers. Just wait till *your* mothers go to see that blamed "Little Lord Fauntleroy" every night for a week!

THE GOAT.

(*After Tennyson.*)

Down in the cellar, dark, remote,
Where alien cats your larder note —
In solemn grandeur stands the goat.

Without he hears the whining storm,
And feels the draughts about him swarm —
He eats the coal to keep him warm.

R. K. M.

NOW THAT we are going to have a new navy, it might be a good idea to have a new army, too. The officers must be tired of hunting for the old one with a telescope.

YOUNG SPELLMAN is in a state of mind. He lately addressed a note to his best girl, in which he incidentally alluded to her as a "Titan blonde." And now he wonders why she never condescended to acknowledge the compliment.

OR SNOW-TIME.

(*A Medley.*)

OUTSIDE, THE WINDS of winter blow
With mournful sound through naked boughs,
And piles in drifts the flying snow,
And shake the casements of the house.

Let those enjoy who most delight
In snow-clad fields of cheerless white,
In coasting fun or sleigh-bells' jingle,
And frosts that make the warm blood tingle;
For winter's joys, whate'er they be,
Are not for me, are not for me.

Through frosted pane I watch the storm —
'T is dying now, scarce stir the trees;
And though the room is bright and warm,
Yet still will rise such thoughts as these:

Oh, for the days of sunny June!
The greenwood's shade at stilly noon,
A hammock in the cool breeze swinging,
A book, a pipe, the wild birds singing,
With heart at peace and mind at rest,
And you with me, whom I love best!

The clouds have passed, the moon shines bright —
A burnished shield on heaven's high walls;
Yet, lost to beauty of the night,
The mind some pleasure past recalls.

Then, oh, for rural picnic joys!
The groups of laughing girls and boys,
The feasts of cake and lemonade,
The tête-à-tête beneath the shade;
The loving looks from bright eyes glancing,
The hearts that beat time to the dancing,
And —

Two arms about my neck, so white —
Two roguish lips are saying:
"Oh, Dear, 't is such a lovely night;
Do take me out a-sleighing!"

Away, away, like wild bird flying,
The road a silver ribbon lying!
The steel-clad hoofs beat rapid time
To silvery sleigh-bells' joyous chime;
The heart joins in their merry tune —
Who cares for June, who cares for June?

Roy L. McCardell.

THE SAMOAN QUESTION.

"What 's all this talk about preserving the 'anatomy' of the Samoan Islands?" remarked a Congressman-elect to a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

"So far as I can understand it," responded the able Foreign Affairs man, "it 's saving the bones of what 's left after the Treaty Powers have treated themselves to all they want."

"Ah! I see now," rejoined the new member; "a sort of joint protectorate."

YOU CAN no more tell a man's ability by the size of his hat, than you can tell his strength by measuring his overcoat-shoulders.

THE ROUGHEST ON RATS is the irreverent unanimity with which their name is taken in vain.

AN ECHO FROM THE ARION BALL.

MASKER.— Have you got a knife about you, waiter? My friend and I came here as the Siamese twins; but he 's been over-doing it a little, and I want to cut the rope!

THE SPRING-LIKE WINTER.

MANY UNSEASONABLE RESULTS of the warm weather this winter are reported.

Mining plants flourished in Colorado and Nevada all winter.

Blooms made their appearance in the steel mills of Pennsylvania every month during the winter.

A Posey blossomed into a Congressman in Indiana late in January.

J. H. Berry became ripe for another term as United States Senator from Arkansas in January; and the briberry crop in the West Virginia Legislature ripened in the same month.

The temperature of the Indiana Legislature reached 195 degrees in the shade several times during the month of January.

Several farmers came to town about the middle of January in spring wagons.

Roswell P. Flower has bloomed all winter.

Several Massachusetts farmers cut hay late in December — with an ordinary hay-cutter, too.

A gilded youth named Howell Gibbon appeared on Broadway late in December wearing his summer cane.

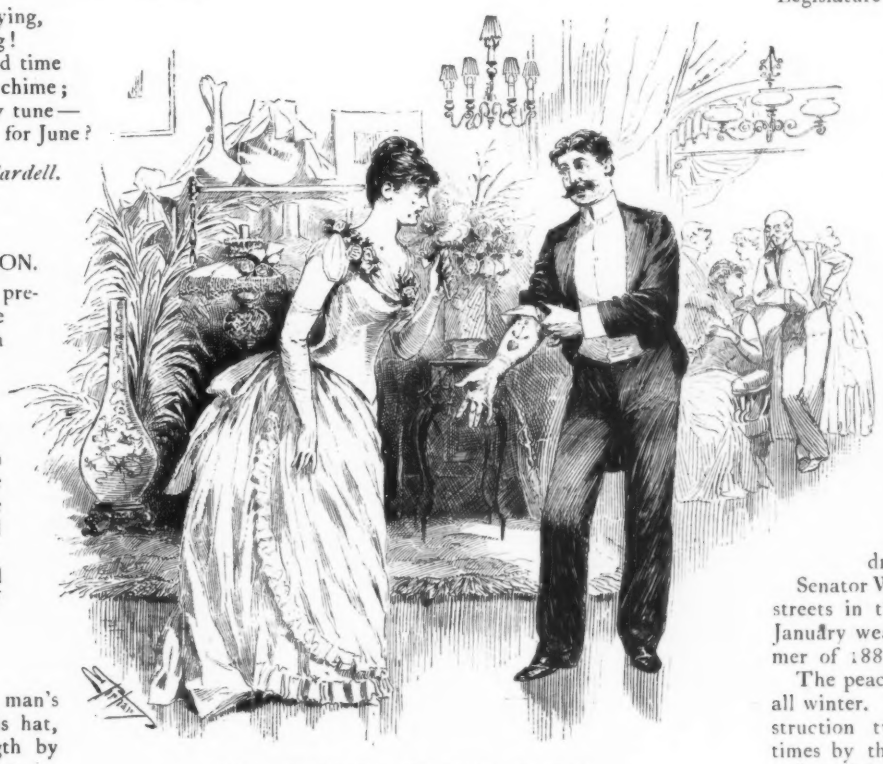
New Hampshire people tapped maple-trees in January, and in other states fresh lager beer was drawn from the wood.

Senator W. M. Evarts was seen on the streets in the month of December and January wearing his summer hat (summer of 1885, we mean).

The peach crop was not ruined once all winter. Usually it suffers total destruction twice and partial ruin five times by the 15th of February.

Jeremiah Jimson, of Crow Ridge, Pennsylvania, was son struck on February 4th. He named it Benjamin Harrison.

Wm. H. Siviter.



THE REVIVAL OF THE PATCH.

LIEUTENANT TOPPING LYPHTTE (*back from a three years' cruise*).— I thought I was pretty rusty in shore ways; but I can go you one better on decoration, Miss Jennison!

THE BOLD, BAD NEW YORKER.

It is now quite generally known that, by decree of an inscrutable Providence, the New York man is invested with predilections for wickedness, to which all other men are strangers.

This fact is accepted positively by those who have never even seen a New York man; which is a wondrous example, indeed, of that innate perceptive faculty which lightens the pathway of the discriminating and bids defiance to the evils of the tempter.

It has thus fallen to the lot of the New York man to stand forth as a horrible example of sin and success in the eyes of the virtuous dweller afar off; and the magnitude of his depravity is only equalled by the horror and dismay of those good and pure persons who have no sympathy with any thing more frivolous than checkers — at home.

The country merchant stands aghast at the pictures of metropolitan life which are drawn for his edification by the veracious drummer of a New York concern; and he withholds his order, saying that he will "send it in." Whereat the drummer casts about for words to express his emotions, and fails in the casting.

And the good country merchant forthwith hies him to the wicked city of New York, to buy goods; for he can select them better there than from the sample of the drummer.

And the New York merchant greets him with fervor, and wrestles with him, to the end that he may sell him a good bill and thereby secure his shekels.

Which being accomplished, the good country merchant remarks that, as it seems a good while since he had a rest, he will stay around a little while and perhaps go to some place of amusement; which he thinks would rest him, as he is tired and worn with heavy cares.

And the bad New York merchant's heart sinks within him, and his spirit is sad; for he is "onto" the scheme and knoweth full well the ending thereof.

And the bad New York merchant sends a telegram to his wife and family, stating that he will not be at home until late; and profane expletives occur to him, but he utters them not for fear of shocking the good country merchant, and hoards them up for a future time, when the presence of the pure shall not be as a sting and a reproach upon him.

Then the bad New York merchant wishes that he were the John L. Sullivan of commerce, but he is n't; and so he smiles like unto a gash in a tight boot, and avers that in his secret bosom he wants to go to a place of amusement so hard that he can not longer resist himself.

Whereupon the bad New York merchant inquires stealthily of cab drivers and other honest citizens, regarding the whereabouts of sundry places of amusement which the good country merchant mentions to him; for he does not like to appear ignorant and second-class in the way of general knowledge.

And great is the thirst for knowledge which the good country merchant is blessed with; and he exhibits a desire for opportunities of drawing moral conclusions that appalls the wicked soul of the sinful New York man, and leads him to wish that he had never been born into his present state; but he values the trade of the good country merchant and keepeth his own counsel.

And the wickedness of the great metropolis, though large and varied, is not too much for the good country merchant to take in, even unto the last ditch.

And when the good country merchant is sufficiently wrung with anguish and abhorrence over the natural depravity of the New Yorkers, and the bad New York merchant begins to dwell upon whether or not murder in cold blood should ever be esteemed commendable, the purse of the latter is light and easy to carry; wherein it differs from the person of the good country merchant, who is fatigued and shows the effect of too much business excitement.

And he is put to bed to renew his strength, while the bad New York man sneaks home and studies a map of Alaska, with wild yearnings.

It will thus be seen that the wickedness of New Yorkers is deep-rooted and deplorable.

And on the return of the good country merchant to his home, he lifteth up his voice and filleth the distended ears of his townsmen with utterances concerning the character of New Yorkers and the demoralizing influences of institutions supported by them; which enables the oldest inhabitant and those wise in their generation to predict the speedy coming of the crack of doom.

Which is sad to contemplate.

Walter Carr.

BEAUTY'S CHARGE.

When lovely woman stoops to weather
The stormy blast that sweeps the street,
Beware, young man, her fixed umbrella —
'T will knock your teeth out if you meet!

HE PARTED HIS DIFFERENTLY.

"I despise that man Brown," said Smith, the other evening; "he parts his name in the middle — W. Ferguson Brown."

"And how do *you* part your name?" inquired Rogerson.

"James P. Smith," returned Mr. Smith, proudly; "any thing the matter with *that?*"

POOR HUMAN NATURE.

First Histrion.—The great need of the stage, to-day, gentlemen, is a higher and more ennobling standard of dignity among its professionals! In the words of our great master, the immortal Shaksp —

TOO MUCH THEORY.

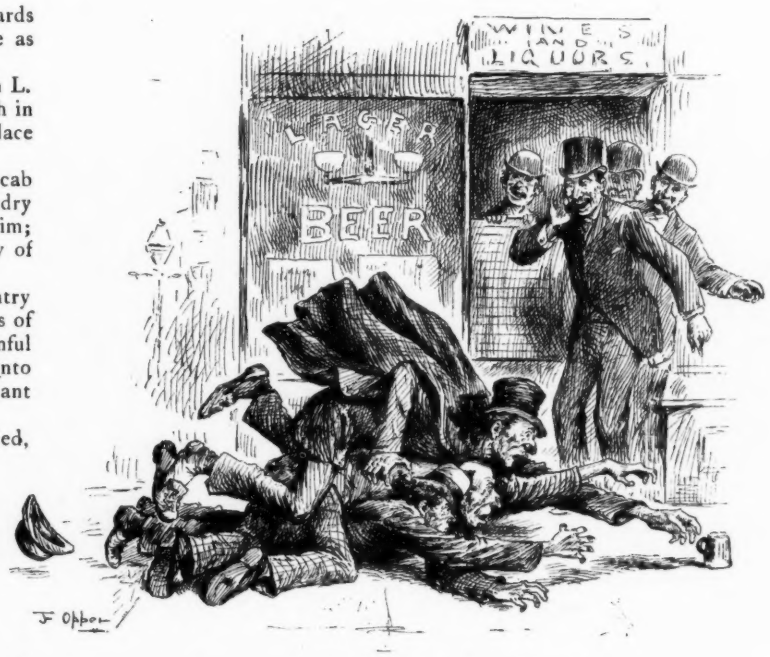
Customer *(angrily)*.—Look here, Hafton; what do you mean by sending me this coal bill a second time? Why, man, I paid that bill a month ago, and got a receipt for it!

Hafton *(consulting the books)*.— Um! Ah! Yes, I see. Well, don't mind that, my dear fellow. You see, my son was just graduated from a business college, and this is some of his double-entry book-keeping.

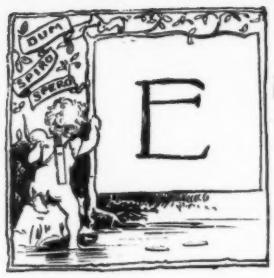
A great many girls say "no" at first; but, like the photographer, they know how to retouch their negatives.

A torrid zone—The Fender.

"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage," remarked the ten-year man as he finished the job of sawing his way out of his cell with a tooth-pick and a pewter spoon.



Practical Joker.— Here 's a glass of beer for somebody!



ELECTRO-INFATUATION.

"You draw me, you hard-hearted adamant,
But yet you draw not iron, for my heart
Is true as steel."
— *Midsummer Night's Dream*,
Act II., Scene 2.

I.

OH, MYSTIC FASCINATION,
Oh, fate idealized,
I 'm but a mass of molecules
Reversely polarized!
I 'm vanquished by a sorcery
No amulet can cure,
For, love, you are the magnet,
And I, the armature.

II.

The more I circle 'round you,
Love's current stronger grows,
Till leaping forth from heart to heart
Love's arc electric glows.
Against the ardor of that flame
Insurance won't insure,
For, love, you are the magnet,
And I, the armature.

III.

And when in your dear presence
All trembling I vibrate,
Along Love's telephonic cords
My vows shall undulate;
Induction ne'er shall drown them,
Nor make their sound obscure,
For, love, you are the magnet,
And I, the armature.

IV.

The messages unnumbered
Of fond endearment fly
At once in both directions —
Quadruplex they outvie.
A throbbing heart is at the key,
It dots and dashes sure,
For, love, you are the magnet,
And I, the armature.

V.

I dwell within your field of force,
In that blest region where
Your strength is of the distance
Inversely as the square.
No influence external
Can me from you allure,
For, love, you are the magnet,
And I, the armature.

VI.

At last we 'll cling together,
Apart no more to roam,
With hearts attuned harmonic,
We 'll sing of Ohm, sweet Ohm.
One circuit never broken,
While life and love endure,
Forever you my magnet,
And I, your armature.

Park Benjamin.

A NEW SCHOOL WANTED.

JOB LOTT.—I can't see how anybody can keep a type-writer in his office. I 've had to discharge five of them in a month, for botching my letters.

KIRBY STONE.—Ah, my dear fellow, why don't you take a few lessons in dictation?

A MODERN MOTHER.

MRS. LENOX HILL, JR.—I 'm so glad you 've come, Lenox. Christina, the nurse-girl, left this morning; and, as she 's taught little Beekman nothing but Swedish, I can't find out what he wants!

TOO EXCITING.

MODERN NOVELIST (*to* STRANGER *just arrived in Boston from Hayseedville*).—I like your placid countenance, sir. What is your walk in life?

STRANGER.—Me? I live 'bout ten miles from Hayseedville, an' I raise chickens fer a living, with incubators.

MODERN NOVELIST.—Ah, incubators! Methinks I scent a clew to a great American novel, at last. Do all the chickens hatch?

STRANGER.—No; some of 'em don't hatch, an' some of 'em what do hatch die.

MODERN NOVELIST.—Die! Horrors! I fear the literary materials to be found on an incubator farm would be too exciting for modern taste.

CHANGE OF BASE.

MRS. FORMER (*looking over her* HUSBAND'S *papers*).—Why, my dear, here 's a magazine essay of yours on 'Turn the Rascals Out,' only half done. Why don't you finish it?

MR. R. E. FORMER.—Don't care to. I 've got an office myself, now.

RIVALS MEET.

MR. COLE DARKE (*wrathfully*).—Whaffo' yo' tell Miss Yallerby dat I was in financial differculties, Winfield? Is dat de way to cut a feller out?

MR. W. SCOTT CLUFF.—Keep cool, chile; yo' might bust de buttons off 'n dat swell obercoat, an' let de whole street see yo' Cardigan jacket!

BANKRUPT.

He was taking her home, after the theatre and a little supper at Delmonico's.

"Darling," said he, suddenly, as he gazed dreamily at the silvery disk overhead, "why am I like the moon?"

"It is n't because you 're full, is it?" she asked, as she edged away from him.

"No," said he, sadly; "it 's because I 'm on my last quarter."

A STUPID IDIOM.

BECK HALL (*of Harvard*).—Hello, de Punk! Are you Columbia fellows going to row us this season?

MASON DE PUNK (*of Columbia*).—Oh, yes; if you 're not strong enough to row yourselves!

THE WAR CLOUD, "no bigger than a man's hand," is a thing to be observed, if it fits Prince Bismarck's glove.

YOU NEVER KNOW how sure-footed a dog is until you attempt to put him on his back in a tub of water. He is then all feet and eyes.

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"WELCOME THE COMING, EED

COLUMBIA. — If you make as good a record as your predeces General,

G, EED THE PARTING GUEST."

edeces General, everybody will be satisfied — except the politicians.

WILL IT COME TO THIS?

ARE WE TO HAVE announcements of this kind from the Post-office Department?

PHILADELPHIA, March 14, 1889.

The weather to-day is likely to be similar to yesterday's, only more so.

Grand drive in postal cards! That is the word to-day. The cards we are offering are not to be excelled in quality in any similar establishment in the universe. They will go farther than any other brand — from Florida to Alaska, if you like, and the price is one cent each. It could not be less.

We recommend our one cent stamps, in blue, with extra sticking qualities. Can't be beaten for circulars or for newspaper postage. Try one on the next paper you send to a friend.

Chestnut Street side.

Our twos come in green, now. A few of the reds can be obtained by those who prefer that color. Both are warranted to wash.

Red and dark blue are the colors for four cent stamps. The red — a lovely carmine — is the latest shade. An excellent steel engraving of Andrew Jackson goes with each four-cent stamp, without extra charge.

Things of beauty and joys forever, are our Garfield fives. In writing to your European friends, one of these works of art neatly pasted on the upper right-hand corner of the envelope is *de rigueur*. Gum for pasting goes with each, and clerks will cheerfully explain how to attach them. It is very simple. A child can do it.

Juniper Street end. Ring three times.

Threes are not much used now; but we have them for those who want them. Quality guaranteed.

Tens come in seal brown, exclusively. They are indispensable in registering letters, and look well in combination with a two (green). Try a registration and see.

We have the costlier numbers, also — fifteens, thirties, nineties. All tastes and pockets can suited.

Second Floor, back.

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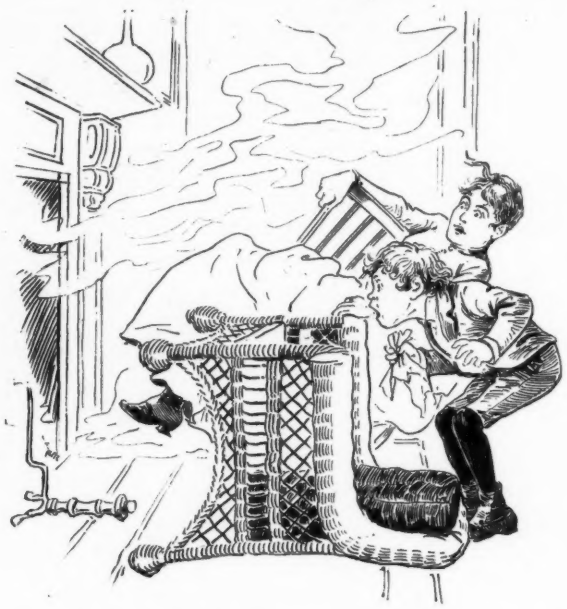

THE INFANT HYENA (*bursting the bag*).— Blest if he ain't went up th' chimbley, sister!

COLONEL SLATHERTON (*three seconds later*).— Police! Ambulance!! Fire! Hooks and ladders!! Everything!!!

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MRS. ANGY TUPPER *née* GOLDDUST (*after the elopement*).— Oh, please, Papa, do forgive us. I loved Angy so that I could n't help it; but I loved you, dear Papa, so that I could n't rest until I had come back to tell you all!

PAPA.—Well, well! I suppose I must make the best of a bad job. But where 's Angy?

MRS. TUPPER.— Outside with the cabman. Could n't you lend your own dear Caramella enough to pay the brute? Poor Angy only had enough for the minister.

MAINE RESTLESS.

PENNSYLVANIAN.— I suppose Maine will never vote for tariff reform, will it?

MAINE MAN.— Wall, I dunno. Some of us who live near the young-herring canneries is mighty anxious fer a heavy tariff on imported sardines.

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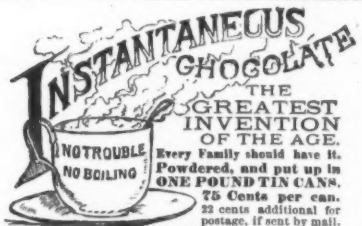

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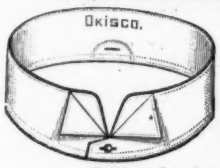

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Income.

Premiums	$22,047,813.35	
Interest, Rents, etc.	4,911,164.24	$26,958,977.59
		$106,256,933.05

Disbursements.

Claims by Death and Matured Endowments	$7,226,095.06	
Dividends, Surrender Values, Annuities and Discounted Endowments	4,658,361.78	
Total paid Policy-holders	$11,884,457.44	
Dividend on Capital	7,000.00	
Commissions, Advertising, Postage and Exchange	2,785,501.57	
General Expenses, State, County and City Taxes	2,152,947.12	16,829,906.13
Net Ledger Assets, December 31, 1888		$89,427,026.92

Assets.

Bonds and Mortgages	$25,660,786.64	
Real Estate, including the Equitable Buildings and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages	15,948,156.40	
United States Stocks, State Stocks, City Stocks, in Trust Companies and other Investments	34,398,598.95	
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (Market Value, $1,042,207)	825,000.00	
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure of mortgages	6,747,232.81	
Cash in Banks and in transit (since received and invested)	5,349,342.67	
Due from Agents on account of Premiums	497,909.45	$89,427,026.92
Market value of Stocks and Bonds over book value		2,672,718.53
Interest and Rents due and accrued		868,004.51
Premiums, deferred and in transit		2,075,173.00
Total Assets, December 31, 1888		$95,042,922.96

I hereby certify, that after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in this statement, I find the same to be true and correct as stated. JOHN A. McCALL, Comptroller.

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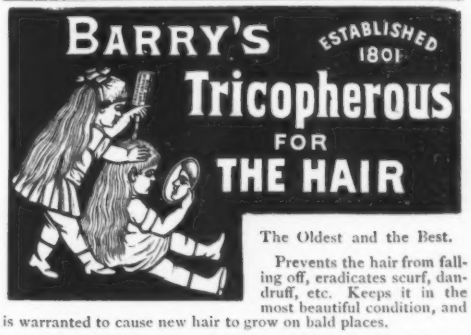

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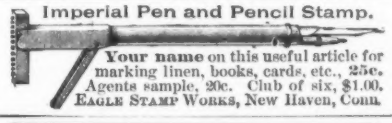

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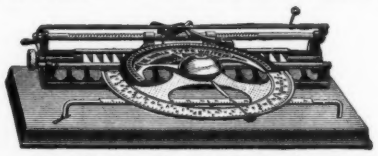

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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Office: Nos. 346 & 348 Broadway, New York.

JANUARY 1, 1889.

Amount of Net Assets, January 1, 1888 ..... **$79,912,317.17**

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Premiums	$22,301,931.11		
Less deferred premiums, January 1, 1888	1,174,340.36	— $21,127,590.75	
Interest and rents, etc.	4,762,169.67		
Less Interest accrued January 1, 1888	488,477.59	— 4,273,692.08	— $25,401,282.83
			$105,313,600.00

DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT.*

Losses by death, and Endowments matured and discounted (including reversionary additions to same)	$5,425,926.78	
Dividends (including mortuary dividends), annuities, and purchased insurances	5,547,143.27	
Total Paid Policy-holders	$10,973,070.05	
Taxes and re-insurances	303,062.84	
Commissions (including advanced and commuted commissions), brokerages, agency expenses, physicians' fees, etc.	3,558,440.80	
Office and law expenses, salaries, advertising, printing, etc.	654,690.12	— $15,489,263.81
		$89,824,336.19

ASSETS.

Cash on deposit, on hand, and in transit	$3,695,836.94	
United States Bonds and other bonds and stocks (market value, $58,222,751 94)	54,566,901.58	
Real Estate	9,308,152.08	
Bonds and Mortgages, first lien on real estate (buildings thereon insured for $13,800,000 and the policies assigned to the Company as additional collateral security)	16 966,932.50	
Temporary Loans (market value of securities held as collateral, $2,144,670)	1.676 250.00	
*Loans on existing policies (the Reserve on these policies, included in Liabilities, amounts to over $2,000,000)	378,874.10	
*Quarterly and semi-annual premiums on existing policies, due subsequent to Jan. 1, 1889	1,435,734 86	
*Premiums on existing policies in course of transmission and collection. (The Reserve on these policies, included in Liabilities, is estimated at $1,500,000)	1,045 089.46	
Agents' balances	298,959 43	
Accrued Interest on investments, January 1, 1889	451,605.24	— $89,824,336.19
Market value of securities over cost value on Company's books		**3,655,850.36**

*A detailed schedule of these items will accompany the usual annual report filed with the Insurance Department of the State of New York.

TOTAL ASSETS, January 1, 1889, - - - - - - **$93,480,186.55**

Appropriated as follows:

Approved losses in course of payment		$555,555.62	
Reported losses awaiting proof, &c		302,964.77	
Matured endowments, due and unpaid (claims not presented)		56,511 88	
Annuities due and unpaid (claims not presented)		26,865.69	
Reserved for re-insurance on existing policies; at the Actuaries' table 4 per cent. interest		78,985,757.01	
Reserved for contingent liabilities to Tontine Dividend Fund, January 1, 1888, over and above a 4 per cent. Reserve on existing policies of that class	5,315,720.83		
Addition to the Fund during 1888	2 043,665 84		
DEDUCT—	$7,359,386 67		
Returned to Tontine policy-holders during the year on matured Tontines	935,609.54		
Balance of Tontine Fund, January 1, 1889		6,423,777.13	
Reserved for premiums paid in advance		46,504.21	
			$86,397,936.30
Divisible Surplus (Company's new Standard)			**$7,082,250.25**
			$93,480,186.55
Surplus by the New York State Standard, (including the Tontine Fund)			**$13,500,000.00**

From the undivided surplus, as above, the Board of Trustees have declared a Reversionary dividend to participating policies in proportion to their contribution to surplus, available on settlement of next annual premium.

RETURNS TO POLICY-HOLDERS.	INSURANCE IN FORCE.	ASSETS.	NEW POLICIES ISSUED.
1886 ..$7.627,230.	Jan. 1, 1887....$304,373,540.	Jan. 1, 1887.. $75,421,453.	1886.....22,027.
1887.....9,535,210.	Jan. 1, 1888.... 358,935,536.	Jan. 1, 1888..... 83,079,845.	1887.....28,522.
1888.....10,973,070.	Jan. 1, 1889.... 419,886,505.	Jan. 1, 1889..... 93,480,186.	1888.....33,334.

Number of policies issued during the year, 33,334. Risks assumed, $125,019,731.
Total number of policies in force January 1, 1889, 129,911.
Amount at risk, $419,886,505.

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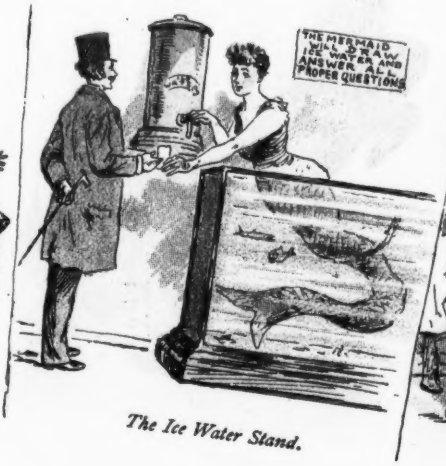

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